

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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A method is provided that allows a dishwasher to be run economically such that the washing residues that accumulate during the washing phases are removed from the washing liquid early on while the dishwasher filter systems are automatically cleaned. The re-circulation pump and the lye pump are at least temporarily operated in an alternating manner during a partial step of a program such that the dishwasher filter systems are automatically cleaned and the accumulated washing residues are conveyed away from the dishwasher at an early stage. The method makes it possible to improve the washing performance of the dishwasher and decrease the total operating time of the washing program, resulting in a reduction of the energy required for operating the dishwasher.